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AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bank note processing machine comprising:

sensors, a transport system including a singling unit and at least one stacking

unit, an input/output device, and

a control device with an associated memory which controls the elements of

the bank note processing machine by means of software and/or data stored in the

memory and

an interface which makes it possible to couple memory systems of different

kinds to the bank note processing machine in order to alter, supplement or replace

the software and/or data stored in the memory;

wherein the memory system has a drive and a storage medium which are

suitable for optical and/or magnetic recording

wherein the transport system transports single bank notes singled by the

singling unit along the sensors to the at least one stacking unit according to an

evaluation of data obtained by the sensors by the control device.

2. (Previously Presented) The bank note processing machine according to

claim 1, wherein that the interface is a standardized interface, in particular according

to PCMCIA.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

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4. (Previously Presented) The bank note processing machine according to

claim 1, wherein the memory has a nonvolatile area, and after coupling of the

memory system to the interface the software and/or data stored in the memory

system are stored in the nonvolatile area.

5. (Previously Presented) The bank note processing machine according

claim 1, wherein that the memory has a volatile area, and after coupling of the

memory system to the interface the software and/or data stored in the memory

system are stored in the volatile area.

6. (Previously Presented) The bank note processing machine according to

claim 1, wherein data obtained in the bank note processing machine during operation

are stored in the memory system.

7. (Previously Presented) The bank note processing machine according to

claim 1, wherein the software and/or data stored in the memory system are stored in

encoded form, and the controller is set up to decode the encoded software and/or

data.

Claims 8 - 14 (Cancelled)

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